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## **Talbot County, Maryland Emergency Rental Assistance Grant**

### **RENTER ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST**

#### **OVERVIEW**

This eligibility pre-check tool is meant to assist:

- Talbot County renters seeking assistance with their rent or utilities due to hardships experienced during the public health emergency.
- Community Based Organizations (CBO) who would like to assist residents in accessing rent and utility assistance through the Neighborhood Service Center, Inc.

This eligibility pre-check tool is meant to help you identify the right resource for you; however, it does NOT automatically qualify you for those services.

If you have questions about eligibility or the application process, you can call our customer service center at (410) 822-5015 or email, from Monday to Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm or by email at [info@nsctalbotmd.org](mailto:info@nsctalbotmd.org) .

Individuals are strongly encouraged to notify their Housing Provider and/or utility provider of their plans to apply for assistance, as application review time periods will vary.

#### **PRE-ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST**

If you answer YES to EACH of the following questions, you are potentially eligible to participate in the TALBOT COUNTY EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

- 1. I currently live in Talbot County, Maryland.**
- 2. I currently rent/ease/sublease a home/unit/apartment or Limited Equity Co-op (LEC) from a Housing Provider.**
- 3. I can provide documentation to evidence my current status as a renter**

For example:

- I can provide a copy of a rental agreement/lease/sublease or Limited Equity Co-op agreement with my name, rental address and monthly rent obligation

**OR**

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- I can provide proof of regular rent payments (such as pay stubs, bank statements, copies of deposited checks, etc.)
- 4. I or one or more adult members of my household has experience ANY ONE of the following:**  
 Qualified for unemployment benefits at any time since March 13, 2020 (whether or not you are still receiving unemployment benefit payments as of today)
- Experienced a reduction of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic
  - Incurred significant costs due to the COVID-19 pandemic
  - Experienced other financial hardship due, directly or indirectly, to the COVID-19 pandemic
- 5. I am responsible for paying a portion or the full amount of the monthly rent**
- 6. I or one or more members of my rental household is at risk of experiencing housing instability or homelessness due to one of the factors below:**
- Have received past-due rent or past due utility notice(s) since April 1, 2020
  - Has received a rental eviction notice(s) since April 1, 2020
  - Has been severely rent burdened (e.g., paying more than 50% of household income on rent)
- 7. Based on EITHER my household’s 2020 ANNUAL INCOME (i.e., add together all your household members’ income for all of 2020) or RECENT INCOME (i.e., add together all your household members’ income in the last two months and multiply by 6), my total household income is at 80% AMI or below (see table below for indication of AMI limits per number of household members)**

Talbot County’s Income/Household Size Table

| Person in Household | 1      | 2      | 3      | 4      | 5      | 6      | 7      | 8      |
|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 30% AMI             | 18,350 | 21,000 | 23,600 | 26,500 | 31,040 | 35,580 | 40,120 | 44,660 |
| 50% AMI             | 30,600 | 35,000 | 39,350 | 43,700 | 47,200 | 50,700 | 54,200 | 57,700 |
| 80% AMI             | 48,950 | 55,950 | 62,950 | 69,900 | 75,500 | 81,100 | 86,700 | 92,300 |

Note: Supporting income documentation of **every adult in your rental household** will be required in the full application.

Also, **sources of income** may include: salary, wage, tips, commissions, business income, interest, dividend, social security benefit, annuities, insurance, Social Security, annuities, insurance policies, retirement funds, pensions, disability or death benefits, unemployment and disability compensation, worker’s compensation and severance pay, and welfare assistance payments.